

TORNADOES AND FLOODS WIPE
OUT TWO TOWNS IN OKLAHOMA

Fifteen People Killed, Forty Injured—Situation Terrible, Key-West Overwhelmed by Raging Waters—Rumors of Death and Destruction

Oklahoma City, May 29.—At least fifteen people were killed tonight, in a tornado that devastated the Oklahoma towns of Key West and Dewey. Forty or more were injured.

At least ten were killed in Key West. That figure is confirmed by a number of people who fled before the storm. Five are dead at Dewey. The tornado swept over a wide stretch of farming country. Wires are down, and many rumors of death and destruction at isolated points cannot be confirmed tonight.

Following the wind came a deluge of rain. Floods then added to the terrible situation. The wreckage of Key West soon was overwhelmed by the rising waters. Practically nothing was left of the town of 200 inhabitants. Rescuers hastened to the place, but could not cross Salt creek, which has become a raging torrent.

A few inhabitants of Key West crossed the stream before the rise made it impassable. They confirm reports that at least ten negroes were killed and twice that number injured. Among the injured is a young woman named Brace. She was in the postoffice when the building was blown away. She was seriously hurt.

The residence of J. I. Hart was demolished after being rolled over half a dozen times with the occupants inside. Every member of the family

was injured. Mrs. Hart's back was broken, a little girl's leg was wrenched from her thigh and Hart and two children were seriously injured.

Dewey was destroyed by a double twister, that formed from that striking Key West, and other from the west. The tornado wiped out Dewey and then pushed northwest, presumably spending its force a few miles further on.

At an early hour this afternoon was witnessed a most unusual phenomena. Small tornadoes rapidly followed one another. They rose high into the air, circled about and dipped. As many as five were observed during the display. The little tornadoes spent their force when the big one came along at 5 o'clock. Preceding and following it were terrific rain and hailstorms. The streets of Stroud and Sauloua soon were veritable rivers.

A newspaper man tried, at 10 o'clock, to reach Key West, but was turned back by the high waters. At 11 o'clock he started for Dewey. Not a wire was working in that part of the state.

Jamestown, N. D., May 29.—Three persons were killed and a number injured by a tornado at Ypsanti late today. The storm also struck this place, doing much damage. A farm house was blown into the James river.

BLUE LAWS ARE
NOT ENDORSED

Presbyterian Missionaries Dismissed Because of Their Undue Adherence to Old Methods

Respect of Stern Brothers Proves to Be a Boomerang—Overly Religious Zealots Turned Down.

Denver, May 29.—Missionaries who lean too much toward the "blue laws" will get but little solace from the church if the action of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church is a criterion.

The assembly this morning, practically dismissed from the service Alexander and James Waite, both missionaries in a Presbyterian northern church in Iowa, because they complained when their brother missionaries played tennis and engaged in worldly amusements with their charges. The Waite brothers were of the opinion, as outlined in their charges to the assembly, that their associates in China could not apply themselves to the business of saving the heathen and playing tennis at the same time. They therefore, asked the assembly to censure the tennis-playing brethren. Their request was a boomerang, however, for the committee on church polity, in a report read this morning by Dr. J. Gray Bolton of Philadelphia, commended the religious zeal of the Waite brothers, but suggested they might do better in another field of endeavor, and recommended their change of residence. The report was adopted.

The assembly unanimously voted to accept the invitation of Atlantic City, N. J., to convene there next year. The music hall on the steel pier will be turned over to the sessions of the assembly. The assembly probably will adjourn sine die late today.

The morning session saw a resumption of the debate in the matter of decreased representation in the assembly. At the outset, the discussion centered about whether the basis of representation should be the number of communicants plus ministers, or the number of ministers alone.

Vice-Moderator Holt of Chicago, suggested that the basis of representation should be ministers plus communicants, and on this basis, the consideration of the matter proceeded. Towards adjournment, it became apparent that this plan would prevail, and that it would be submitted to the Presbyteries for their approval and recommendation to the next assembly.

Denver, May 29.—The one hundred and twenty-first general assembly of the Presbyterian church came to a close this afternoon after a session in which the routine matters were disposed of and a vote of thanks extended to Moderator Berkeley and other officials of the board.

As was indicated by the opening action of the assembly, the minority report of the committee on church polity regarding the reduction of representation in the assembly, was approached on a basis of church membership instead of the number of ministers. The assembly adopted the proposition that the basis of representation should be the number of communicants plus ministers.

Should this plan be accepted the Presbyteries will be further asked to ratify the proposition that 6,000 communicants be the basis of computation.

In the morning session Atlantic City was decided upon as the next place of meeting.

The committee on polity practically

dismissed James and Alexander Waite, missionaries in China, because they had criticized the other missionaries who, it seems, were guilty of nothing more worldly than playing tennis. The Waite brothers were advised in the report which was adopted by the assembly to seek other fields.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF
CLEARING HOUSE BANKS.

New York, May 29.—The statement of clearing house banks for the week shows that the banks held \$24,355,225 more than the requirements of the 25 per cent reserve rule. This is an increase of \$5,065,450 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week.

The statement follows:
Loans, \$1,331,846,000; decrease, \$6,378,100.
Deposits, \$1,398,160,300; decrease, \$2,497,400.
Circulation, \$49,100,600; increase, \$41,600.
Legal tenders, \$77,668,200; decrease, \$216,000.
Specie, \$296,857,100; increase, \$4,657,100.
Reserve, \$74,525,300; decrease, \$624,350.
Surplus, \$24,955,225; increase, \$5,065,450.

Ex United States deposits, \$25,589,575; increase, \$5,065,450.
The percentage of actual reserve of the clearing house banks today is 26.86.

The statement of banks and trust companies of Greater New York, not reporting to the clearing house, show that these institutions have aggregate deposits of \$1,299,200,000, total cash on hand, \$146,418,000, and loans amounting to \$1,219,666,700.

SENATE TO INCREASE
DUTY ON BARLEY

Washington, May 29.—The duty on barley was involved in the first section of the tariff bill considered by the senate today. Senator Root spoke against an increase of this duty from 25 cents to 30 cents a bushel. He believed that 30 cents was more than a protective duty.

Mr. Beveridge declared he would vote against the increase, while Mr. Aldrich upheld the action of the committee in increasing the house rate. Senator Heburn also defended the rate of 30 cents as unwarranted in view of conditions that exist in Canada which make possible the production of cereals at low cost.

After further discussion this morning Mr. Aldrich offered an amendment making the 25 per cent ad valorem duty on biscuits applicable to unsweetened biscuits and fixing a duty of 50 per cent ad valorem on sweetened biscuits and other baked articles. The amendment was agreed to.

Another amendment offered by Mr. Aldrich and agreed to increased the duty on hops from 15 cents per pound, the senate rate to 20 cents. The house rate was 12 cents.

Mr. Dupon discussed at some length the potato schedule, endeavoring to show that foreign importations threatened to affect the potato industry of the Atlantic seaboard.

FIRE IN NEWS ANNEX.

Salt Lake City, May 29.—Careless news resulted in a slight fire in the "News" annex at 11 o'clock last night. The slight damage being due to the fireproof character of the building.

According to the watchman, several of the Oregon Short Line clerks on the third floor were working until late that evening and one of them on leaving lighted a cigar and didn't look to see where he threw his match. There was a large bag of waste paper set against a metal door-east of the ele-

vator and the match went into that. After smoldering a few seconds the paper burst into a flame and when he watchman caught on to the situation the entire bag was blazing right merrily. The fire department was called and the "conflagration" extinguished with a hand extinguisher. The metal door and east wall was a bright blaze before the fire. The elevator conductor, discovered and put the fire out with a bucket of water.

This is not the first time such a thing has happened through the carelessness of Short Line clerks. One of them threw a lighted match into a lot of waste paper on the fifth floor the other day and there was a bright blaze before the fire. The elevator conductor, discovered and put the fire out with a bucket of water.

It was the carelessness of a young man in throwing aside a lighted cigarette among a lot of chemicals that burned out the Short Line root and branch several years ago when the company was occupying the present Commercial club building. Not even a trace of paper was left to the railroad company.

TAFT PUTS IN A
STRENUOUS DAY

Washington, May 29.—President Taft made four speeches today, rode many miles by automobile and special train, pitched in a game of baseball at the Allegheny Country club, and sat through the eleven innings of the contest between the Pittsburgh and Chicago teams of the National league.

The president assisted at the dedication of a fountain in Arsenal park, attended a business meeting of the Associated Western Yale clubs, had luncheon at Sewickley Heights, fourteen miles out of the city, and tonight was the principal speaker at the banquet that brought to a close the annual sessions of the Western Yale clubs.

The ball game was a departure from the original program, which caused some disappointment to the Yale men but which brought joy to the 15,000 Pittsburgh fans.

With the president were Secretary Knox, a staunch supporter of the Pittsburgh team, and Charles P. Taft, principal owner of the Chicago team. Consequently the chief executive was torn by conflicting emotions. He wanted both teams to win and was happiest when the score was tied.

Secretary Knox and the president's brother had great fun in wagering on the contest and appeared in turn for the president's support.

"No, sir," replied the president, "I insist upon maintaining a judicial attitude on this matter."

The president's assistance to the Pittsburgh rooters in the seventh inning, the local team tying the score. With the score still tied at the end of the eighth, he said beyond the ninth, then we will get more for our money."

It was suggested to the president that if he remained for the finish he would be late for the banquet. He replied he could get a dinner "most any old time," but seldom could see a better game.

The president made his debut on the diamond at the Allegheny Country club. Two teams of resident and visiting Yale alumni were matched in a ball game and the president pitched the first two balls for the visitors. He had little or no speed and no control, but was taken out of the box before much damage was done.

The two balls the president threw hit the home base and hit the catcher on the first bounce.

The president's first public appearance as the Joseph Shalom Jewish abnacker, where he spoke briefly. Next there was a quick automobile trip to Arsenal park and another short address.

Following this came the meeting of the Yale clubs, where the president paid a tribute to Yale and to the Yale spirit. The president spoke briefly, and what I feel is that every university and every college in this country has in its heart a desire to the Yale spirit, and to make it, as well it may, a part of its own instruction.

"Now, the late president was a Harvard man. He said that he had never undertaken any great work in his great career that he had not found a Yale man behind him to help him on. And what I wish to say of Theodore Roosevelt, I know and those within the sound of my voice, who came close to him know it as well as I do, that he imbued into the government at Washington that spirit which we call the Yale spirit, on the one hand, and which you may call, on the other, the universal spirit of America, and that he put into the hearts of all the college men of America a desire to lend themselves to public service and to elevate the politics of this country. And I am glad to be able to testify that that result of his administration is a prominent element in life in Washington and in the politics of the United States. I have not forgotten that the college complexion of Mr. Roosevelt's cabinet was, I can only say that in the present cabinet there are two Harvard men and two Yale men, counting Brother Knox as one of the most recent but one of the most valuable acquisitions that Yale has made.

"I find it difficult to express the feeling of gratitude that you have that you were permitted to live under the elms of dear old Yale and look to her as your alma mater."

GERMAN ATTITUDE
IS DENOUNCED

Efforts to Influence American Tariff Legislation Declared to Be Impertinent

Anonymous Information as to Wages Paid German Workmen Not Approved by Senator Aldrich.

Washington, May 29.—Senator Aldrich announced as "impertinent" the efforts of the German government to influence American tariff legislation by supplying anonymous information as to wages paid German workmen. His characterization followed a statement by Senator Dewey, intimating that German manufacturers were striving to influence congress through the German government and American importers of German goods.

The reply of the President to a senate resolution calling for a statement of the German government as to wages in Germany, proved the signal for this animated discussion as soon as the senate assembled today.

The President stated in his message that the document in question had been sent to the finance committee on April 13.

Senator Nelson, going to the desk of the vice-president, took the President's brief message, and as he held it in his hand asked that the statement referred to be printed as a senate document.

"I am surprised," said Mr. Nelson, "that the finance committee has withheld that report."

"I have made some investigation as to the character of that report," replied Mr. Aldrich, "and I find that it consists of statements by certain boards of trade of Germany, transmitting anonymous testimony of manufacturers in answer to statements made before a committee of congress. I am quite willing that this document should be printed."

Mr. Dewey spoke of the importance of the business before congress, and asserted that it was purely an American question. "Yet," he said, "we find that foreign governments are entering the senate chamber for the obstruction of legislation, for which the President has called an extra session."

Continuing, the New York senator said: "I am told that Prince von Buelow has sent to this government an intimation that he is in detail that it has gone even into the question of razors."

"Nothing on the record," he said, "shows what the ambassador asked for. I am not saying something harsh, I would say the attempt on the part of any government or of a manufacturer of any government to influence legislation of congress in this way is, to say the least, impertinent."

"Further discussion with reference to this report," said Mr. Carter, relinquishing the floor, and smiling, "may be postponed until the document itself is printed."

The President's message was referred to the committee on finance, Mr. Aldrich remarking that he would have the German report translated at once and printed.

FIFTY COLLEGE BOYS ARE
OUSTED FROM DORMITORIES

Carlinville, Ill., May 29.—Fifty students of Blackburn college at Carlinville are living in tents near the college campus, after having been ousted from their dormitories by order of President W. D. Bradley, following a class fight in which their sleeping rooms were wrecked.

The students are allowed to attend classes, but their sleeping apartments are forbidden them.

The trouble began when the Fresh-

men invaded the Sophomores' rooms, while the latter were absent and turned them topsy-turvy. When the Sophomores discovered the wreck of their rooms, they planned revenge and entered the Freshmen's rooms, wrecking them in turn. This aroused the ire of President Bradley, and he ordered the students out of the dormitories, forbidding them to return. They at once established a tent city near the college.

HE IS FOUND GUILTY OF
MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE

Omaha, May 29.—John Masaurides, slayer of Officer Ed Lowery, of South Omaha, was today found guilty of murder in the first degree and his punishment fixed at death, the jury returning this verdict after 19 hours' deliberation.

The murder of Officer Lowery was the cause of the South Omaha riots last February, during which many persons were hurt, considerable property destroyed and all the Greeks, including several prominent business men forced to leave the city.

ARRESTED FOR
MURDER OF WIFE

Los Angeles, May 29.—Harper E. Bennett, a real estate dealer of San Diego, fled suit recently against a local grocery on the allegation that it had caused the death of his wife by poisoning, resulting from the eating of canned chili con carne. Bennett was arrested today on a warrant issued by the district attorney, charging him with the murder of the woman.

Eugenia Thompson Bennett died on February 13 and the coroner's jury decided that her death was due to eating canned chili con carne. Bennett brought suit for \$50,000 damages against Boylston's Grocery company, where the food was purchased.

Ten days ago the district attorney caused the body of Mrs. Bennett to be exhumed. It was alleged today that strychnine in quantities sufficient to cause death was found in the stomach.

SPEAKER CANNON SQUARES
OFF WITH "JACK" O'BRIEN

Norristown, Pa., May 29.—Speaker Cannon and "Jack" O'Brien, the pugilist, yesterday met at the training camp of the latter. "Uncle Joe" was quick to don the gloves when invited, and squared off with O'Brien.

There were no blows struck, the fighting attitude being assumed for the convenience of a photographer, who snapped the speaker of the house as a pugilist.

The speaker, after having been accorded a reception in Norristown, was taken over the Valley Forge camping grounds in an automobile of Congressman Wagner with a view of interesting him in the \$50,000 appropriation bill for memorial arches on the Continental camp ground to Washington and Stueben.

It was while making the rounds of the park that a stop was made at O'Brien's training quarter and the picture taken.

GAMBLING LEADS TO
ORGANIST'S DOWNFALL

Cincinnati, May 29.—Milton Boyce, organist in the rich Sacred Heart Catholic church, is in jail, following his arrest on a warrant charging forgery. Boyce's father is a Presbyterian minister, and he says he is a cousin of the Lord Chief Justice of England. Boyce is said to have lost at gambling.

TENSE STRIKE OVER FRUIT
SHIPMENTS IN NICARAGUA

New Orleans, May 29.—A dispatch from Managua, Nicaragua, says the strike over fruit shipments has grown intense. Several cases of dynamite were taken from the Lobez Mining company by the strikers. Many have been poisoned. The steamers are all tied up to the docks and are without crews.

ARRESTED FOR CARRYING
REVOLVER UNCONCEALED

Chicago, May 29.—Stephen J. Snook carried a revolver in his hand because friends told him that it was against the law to carry concealed weapons, but he was arrested just the same last night.

Snook is a traveling salesman and hails from Seattle, Wash. After showing his revolver to several friends in a saloon he took the cartridges from it and started for a railway station. Pedestrians who saw the weapon alerted a patrolman, who followed the man to the station, where he was arrested.

BODY OF PROSPEROUS
FARMER FOUND IN RIVER

Spokane, May 29.—The body found floating in the Spokane river Wednesday morning, has been positively identified as that of George W. Atteberry, a prosperous farmer of Hamden, N. D. Atteberry disappeared eight days ago. At that time, he was carrying a big roll of bills.

When found, his skull was crushed and his pockets turned wrong side out.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST DIRT
AND RESULTANT EPIDEMICS.

Puebla, Mex., May 29.—A systematic campaign against dirt and resultant epidemics has been started by this state. Four and a half million dollars have been borrowed for the public works service and streets will be cleaned, sewers built and everything possible done to prevent future epidemics of smallpox and fevers.

MISSOURI PACIFIC FAST
MAIL TRAIN IS DERAILED
Kansas City, May 29.—Missouri Pa-

VERDICT "GUILTY" AFTER A
FORTY-SIX HOUR WRANGLE

Martin B. Madden, M. J. Boyle, F. H. Pouchot, Labor Leaders, Charged With Strike Grafting, Fined Five Hundred Dollars Each

Chicago, May 29.—After forty-six hours of almost constant wrangling, the jury in the case of Martin B. (Skinney) Madden, M. J. Boyle and F. A. Pouchot, labor leaders, charged with strike grafting, today brought in a verdict of guilty, fining each of the defendants \$500. The long delay is said to have been due to the inability of the twelve men to find a common ground for punishment.

Madden almost collapsed when the verdict was read. He was scarcely able to speak, but finally managed to state that he considered the verdict a bad thing for unionism.

Reports of attempts to influence the jury in behalf of the defendants were rife about the criminal court building during the afternoon. State Attorney Wayman visited the grand jury room and later a large number of subpoenas were issued.

cific fast mail train No. 7, which left St. Louis last night for Kansas City, was partially derailed this morning near Little Blue, Mo., eighteen miles east of this city. Several persons were bruised, but it is said, none was seriously hurt.

BURIAL OF 157 SOLDIERS
IN NATIONAL CEMETERY

Brownsville, Texas, May 29.—The bodies of 157 soldiers, troops of General Zachary Taylor, found among the old earthworks at Isabella, Texas, were buried in the national cemetery at Fort Worth today.

Away of the earth by heavy rains a few months ago, brought to the surface some of the bodies and buttons bearing the imprint of the U. S. army. An investigation led to the discovery of the remains.

"MILE A MINUTE" MURPHY
STOPS A RUNAWAY TEAM

New York, May 29.—Charles Murphy, better known throughout the country as "Mile a Minute" Murphy, because of his feat in traveling a mile on a bicycle behind a railroad train in fifty-six seconds, became a hero last night by stopping a runaway horse in West Thirty-third street.

Murphy, who is now a policeman, threw himself from his bicycle to the horse's back as the team was plunging through crowds of panic-stricken children in the street, and with his hands he reached about the horse's throat and closed its windpipe, thus stopping the runaway.

DECLARES DEATH PENALTY
FOR MURDERS IS NECESSARY

Chicago, May 29.—Declaring that the safety of society in Chicago depends in a great measure on the existence of the death penalty for murders, State's Attorney J. W. Darrington denounced the Ton bill, abolishing the death penalty, which has passed the lower house at Springfield.

"A city the size of Chicago must be protected by such a penalty," he said. "I do not say the repeal of the existing law would increase murder, but I know positively that it would not decrease the crime, and many of the murders done in this city are so atrocious that nothing but death is a fit punishment for them."

EXAMINATION OF
TEACHERS IN JUNE

An examination of teachers of this county will be held June 1, 2 and 3 by Superintendent S. P. Eggertson for the state schools, to qualify for positions in cities other than those of the first and second class. This will leave the examinations almost entirely to the teachers of the rural schools. Tests will be held at Weber academy.

The dates and subjects to be given the student-teachers follow:
Thursday, June 1, morning: Arithmetic and orthography. Afternoon: Philosophy and pedagogy.
Wednesday, June 2, morning: Grammar and writing. Afternoon: Geography and reading.
Thursday, June 3, morning: History and drawing. Afternoon: Nature study.

The teachers successfully passing the examination will be eligible to teach in any school of the state except those located in cities of the first and second class.

YOUNG DIVINITY STUDENT
HANGS HIMSELF AT COLLEGE

Oakland, Cal., May 29.—Oscar Moebus, a divinity student, 17 years of age, foster son of Rev. E. Moebus, a minister at Lynne, near Paso Robles, hanged himself yesterday in the California divinity college. The young man had for the third time been accused of stealing from other students and was awaiting trial before the board of directors.

BILL ABOLISHING CAPITAL
PUNISHMENT IS DEFEATED

Springfield, Ill., May 29.—The bill abolishing capital punishment was defeated in the senate today.

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SERIOUS TROUBLE
IN PHILADELPHIA

Conductors and Motormen Inaugurate Strike—Two Thousand Men Quit

Street Car Traffic Practically Tied Up—Mayor Orders All Saloons Closed Until Monday.

Philadelphia, May 29.—The strike inaugurated today by the conductors and motormen of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company became serious tonight. The company admitted that about 2,000 of the 6,000 men had quit work. The strikers declare a greater number than this quit work. Mayor Reubyn ordered all the saloons to close at 6 o'clock a. m. Monday. This is the second time a mayor of Philadelphia has closed the saloons as a result of a street car strike. The strikers are counting on public sympathy, as the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company has abolished the six-for-a-quarter tickets. Trouble was reported tonight in the section known as "Brewertown." A car was damaged by an explosion believed to have been caused by dynamite placed on the track. The city was practically tied up at midnight so far as street car traffic was concerned.

PROMINENT CHICAGO MASON
DROPS DEAD IN LODGE ROOM

Chicago, May 29.—Robert E. Law, one of the best known Masons in the state, and one of the officials of the organization in Chicago, dropped dead last night, during the initiatory ceremony in the Washington chapter No. 49, Royal Arch Masons, which were being held in the lodge rooms in the Masonic temple.

Mr. Law, who was a past high priest of the chapter, had started to leave the lodge room in company with several friends when he threw up his hands and fell to the floor.

Mr. Law formerly was connected with the wholesale leather business. He was 50 years old and had been retired several years. He was past master of the Thomas J. Turner lodge, A. F. & A. M. past high priest of the Washington chapter and a prominent member of the Shrine. He also was a thirty-second degree Mason.

FOUND LYING DEAD ACROSS
THE GRAVE OF HIS WIFE
New York, May 29.—Lying across the grave of her former husband, who died seven years ago, the body of Mrs. Ellen Kelly, wife of a policeman, was found in Holy Cross cemetery, Brooklyn last night. Mrs. Kelly lived in Brooklyn with her husband and four children, three of whom are by the first husband. The other children are buried beside her first husband, and grief over her loss is supposed to have caused her death from heart disease.

MEMORIAL DAY AT LEHI.

Lehi, May 29.—People are very busy fixing up their grave lots in the cemetery, and the city is having the streets cleaned. In nearly every grave lot flags have been planted and are in full bloom. The large green flag leaves and the beautiful purple flowers add much to the looks of the cemetery. Memorial services will be held Sunday afternoon in the new tabernacle and in addition to local talent taking part in songs and readings, Prof. B. S. Hickley of the Latter-day Saints university will deliver the principal address.

Acorn Ready For Subscribers—Subscribers of the Acorn may get their copies Tuesday morning at the Acorn rooms at the Weber academy building.

Visited Salt Lake—Sheriff Barlow Wilson and Under Sheriff Carl Alton went down to the capital city yesterday afternoon—not necessarily to watch the jumpers or to attend the races, but merely to observe the manner in which order was preserved among the tourists—and their patrons.